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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed on August 8, 2006, in connection with the above-captioned application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a (3) Three-Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for responding to the Office Action to and through February 8, 2007.

No other fee is believed due for the filing of this response and the Petition for Extension of time. Please charge any other fee that is due, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0573.